IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Roberto FERRARINI
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- 16. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said reuniting means comprise means for reinserting said treated wine into said container obtaining a continuous treatment cycle of the wine.
- If, inadvertently, a proper multiple dependent claim has not been amended to reduce it to single dependency, please amend it to be dependent solely on the first-mentioned claim,

or, if that is not possible, please cancel the claim and notify the undersigned.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the claim is being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

 $\label{eq:favorable} \mbox{Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.}$

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

16. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in one or more of the previous claims claim 1, characterized in that said reuniting means comprise means for reinserting said treated wine into said container obtaining a continuous treatment cycle of the wine.